

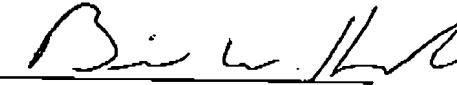
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2007 having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on November 9, 2007.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner made a restriction requirement, under 35 U.S.C. §121, between Group I, claims 13, 15 and 17; Group II, claims 14, 16, and 18; and Group III, claims 19-26. Applicant elects the Group I claims, claims 13, 15, and 17.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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